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SUBJECT: CROATIA ARMS CONTROL AND RACVIAC POINTS DELIVERED

REF: A) STATE 201227 B) STATE 20123 C) ZAGREB 1365

1. (U) Poloff delivered refs A & B messages to Drazen Hrastic, MFA Head of Cooperative Security Section on Sept. 21. Poloff also informed RACVIAC directly of the U.S. decision (ref B) to accept observer status on Oct. 11. Hrastic welcomed the RACVIAC decision and noted that the Dayton Arms Control points reinforced what he had heard from other USG interlocutors subsequent to his inquiries of us (ref C).

2. (SBU) Comment: Hrastic informed us that he will be the first Croatian diplomat assigned to the Croatian contribution to the German-led PRT in Afghanistan. He expects to arrive in Afghanistan in early November. We have found Hrastic to be an energetic and able interlocutor on a broad range of security, arms control, and non-proliferation issues and believe he will make a strong contribution to Croatia's Afghanistan contingent.  
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